



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Blasingame Forest Fire Station – Single Tree Removal		
PROJECT LOCATION	CAL FIRE's Blasingame Forest Fire Station 23087 East Tollhouse Road Clovis, CA 93612	COUNTY	Fresno
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project will involve removal of one native oak tree. The tree to be removed is approximately 14 inches DBH containing extensive rot seven feet up in the bole of the tree. The tree is located in an established parking lot and represents a potential source of injury to personnel and members of the public as well as damage to vehicles. The tree will be felled by a CALFIRE hand crew. The Forest Practice Rules do not apply to this project. The removal of this tree does not constitute timber operations as no material is being commercialized and no timber land is being converted.

EXEMPTION STATUS

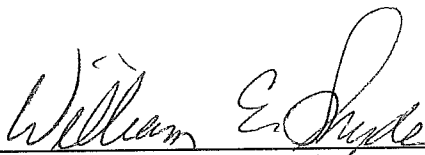
- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1,4 §15301 Maintenance of Existing Public Facilities
§15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits within the definitions of two Classes of Categorical Exemptions authorized in the CEQA Guidelines. These include Class 1 (§15301) pertaining to maintenance of existing public facilities and Class 4 (§15304) involving minor alterations to land. Field review by a CAL FIRE Unit Forester confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems following approval and implementation of this project.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date
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